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SUBJECT: TAMIL NADU: V.R. NEDUNCHEZHIAN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF
DMK, REITERATES THAT DMK HAS GIVEN UP SECESSIONIST DEMAND

1. IN A PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED IN MADRAS MARCH 5 V.R. NEDUNCHEZHIAN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE DMK, REITERATED THAT THE DMK HAD ONCE AND FOR ALL GIVEN UP ITS SECESSIONIST DEMAND. NEDUNCHEZHIAN STATED HE WAS IMPELLED TO EXPLAIN THE DMK'S POLICY AGAIN IN VIEW OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S REFERENCE IN HER SPEECH IN CALCUTTA RECENTLY TO AGITATION ABROAD "FOR AN INDEPENDENT TAMIL NADU WHEN THE DMK MINISTRY WAS DISMISSED." HE ASSERTED THAT THE DMK HAD GIVEN UP ITS SEPARATIST DEMANDS AS EARLY AS 1963 AND STATED THAT THE DMK LEADERSHIP IN VARIOUS PARTY CONFERENCES HAD ARGUED "AGAINST A SECESSIONIST POLICY AND IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL INTEGRATION."

2. NEDUNCHEZHIAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT SO FAR AS FOREIGN
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POLICY IS CONCERNED, "THE DMK HAD MADE IT CLEAR BEYOND DOUBT" THAT

THE CENTERS POLICY "WOULD BE THE POLICY OF THE DMK." HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PARTY HAS ALWAYS REJECTED "THE SECESSIONIST APPROACH, WHETHER IT WAS MADE BY PEOPLE AT HOME OR ABROAD," AND HE CLOSED BY SAYING THAT "THE DMK HAS ALWAYS IGNORED WITH CONTEMPT ANY STATEMENT MADE BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH WERE AGAINST INDIA."

3. COMMENT: NEDUNCHEZHIAN'S DENIAL PROBABLY WAS PROMPTED BY THE CONTINUING FEAR IN DMK CIRCLES THAT THE GOI WILL BAN THE PARTY.
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